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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 21, 2004 for which a response was due on September 21, 2004. Enclosed herewith is a request for an extension of time of three months, until December 21, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Consideration of the remarks herein are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, including extension fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.